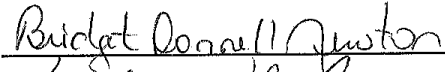
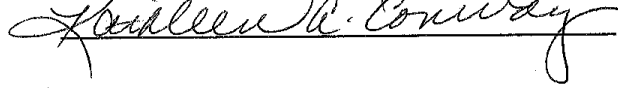


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MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
April 3, 2017; Meeting No. 15-17

1. Convene

The Mayor and Council convened in a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 3, 2017 in the Mayor and Council Chambers, City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland.

Present: Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton, Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember Virginia D. Onley, Councilmember Julie Palakovich Carr, Councilmember Mark Pierzchala

Staff Present: City Manager Rob DiSpirito, City Attorney Debra Daniel and City Clerk/Director of Council Operations, Kathleen Conway

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Newton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Agenda Review

City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Kathleen Conway reported the following change to the Agenda: Agenda Item #16 - Presentation and Discussion on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety at the Intersection of Maryland Avenue and South Washington Street has been removed from this evening's Agenda and will be rescheduled for a future date to be determined.

4. City Manager's Report

City Manager Rob DiSpirito presented information on the following topics: Rockville's ranking of 13 on Livability.com's Top 100 Best Places to Live; recent awards received by the Recreation and Parks Department, Alzheimer's Association Memory Café Event at the Senior Center; and the Senior Forum and Resource Fair at the Rockville Senior Center hosted by County Councilmember Sidney Katz.

5. Community Forum

Name	Topic
Yan Raytselis	Rockville Police Role with Federal Immigration Law Enforcement

Peng Ke	Fostering Community Trust
Jack Kelly	Financial Advisory Board (FAB) FY2018 Budget Recommendations
Ruth Hanessian	Rockville Science Center
Alexander Dace Denito	Rockville Science Center
George Plopfer	Fostering a Community of Trust
Agnes Saenz	Community Ministries Gala Invitation
Dan Kelly	Fostering a Community of Trust

6. Mayor and Council's Response to Community Forum and Announcements

The Mayor and Council thanked everyone for their participation in Community Forum.

Mayor Newton reminded everyone that there would no Mayor and Council Meeting on April 10th.

7. Mayor and Council Reports

The Mayor and Council provided updates on their recent activities, including Boards and Commission meetings and Community Events.

8. Proclamation Declaring April as Parkinson's Awareness Month

Mayor Newton proclaimed April as Parkinson's Awareness Month.

Moved by Councilmember Onley, seconded by Councilmember Palakovich Carr and approved unanimously.

Nancy Tietjen from the Ingleside King Farm Support Group accepted the Proclamation and thanked the Mayor and Council for their support. Jim Marrinan thanked the Mayor and Council for the Proclamation and offered information about support groups.

9. Proclamation Declaring National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, April 9 – 15

Councilmember Onley proclaimed the week of April 9 – 15 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week and presented the Proclamation to Officer Nadler.

Moved by Councilmember Onley, seconded by Councilmember Feinberg and approved unanimously.

Officer Nadler thanked the Mayor and Council for the Proclamation and thanked the citizens of Rockville for their help in calling the police before crimes occur and for their assistance in notifying the police if a criminal is seen. Officer Nadler stated that Rockville citizens work well with the Police; helping to be the eyes and ears for the City.

10. Recognition of the Rockville Concert Band's 60th Anniversary

Councilmember Pierzchala presented the 60th Anniversary Plaque to Rockville Concert Director Mr. John Saint Amour and Rockville Concert Band Vice-President Deborah Adams.

11. Consent Agenda

- A. Award of Invitation for Bid (IFB) #13-17 F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre Roof Beam Reinforcement and Motorized Lighting Bar Project to Bob Andrews Construction, Inc. in the Amount Not to Exceed \$238,750
- B. Award of Request for Proposal (RFP) #19-17 for Professional Independent Audit Services
- C. Award of IFB 24-17 - Grounds Maintenance Services
- D. Award of IFB 21-17 - Tree Care Services

Motion: to approve the Consent Agenda

Moved by Councilmember Pierzchala, seconded by Councilmember Palakovich Carr and approved unanimously.

12. Public Hearing – Fiscal Year 2018 Budget

Sr. Management and Budget Analyst Mary Sue Martin presented an overview of the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Budget prior to the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing began at 7:55 p.m. The following individuals provided testimony:

1. Drew Powell, Rockville Sister Cities Corp.
2. Bob Ekman, Rockville Science Center
3. Susie Sinclair-Smith, Montgomery County Coalition
4. Jennifer Schiller, Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless
5. Agnes Saenz, Community Ministries of Rockville and Rockville Caregiver's Coalition
6. Stephanie Hubbard, Manna Food Center
7. Odeth Berlin, Community Ministries of Rockville
8. Community Ministries of Rockville, Rockville Emergency Assistance
9. Nancy Sushinsky, Rainbow Place Shelter
10. Brenda Reid Jones, Community Ministries of Rockville and Elderly Ministries
11. Shane Rock, Interfaith Works
12. Priscilla Fox-Morrill, Interfaith Works Women's Center
13. Cecilia Rojas, Community Ministries of Rockville
14. Monica Barberis-Young, Interfaith Works Clothing Center
15. Ashley Moody, Kaseman Health Clinic
16. Cara Lesser, Kid Museum
17. Abigail Ferretti, Rockville Swim and Fitness Center
18. Patricia Wolff, Peerless Rockville
19. Zhenya Li, Thomas Wooten PTA
20. Teresa Harn, Asian Pacific Task Force
21. Nancy Breen, Rockville Bike Advisory Committee
22. June Hun, Lunar New Year Celebration
23. John Becker

The Public Hearing closed at 9:20 p.m. The record will remain open until April 7, 2017. The complete testimony of the speakers can be found in the official Public Hearing file of the Mayor and Council in the City Clerk/Director of Council Operation's Office.

13. Public Hearing – FY2018 Constant Yield Tax Rate

The Public Hearing opened at 9:22 p.m. There were no speakers for this Public Hearing. The Public Hearing closed at 9:23 p.m. The record will remain open until April 7, 2017.

The Mayor and Council recessed for break at 9:23 p.m. and returned from break at 9:36 p.m.

14. Discussion and Instructions to Staff on Sectional Map Amendment MAP2017-00115, for Historic Designation of the Americana Centre Condominium on Monroe Street; Historic District Commission, Applicant

Councilmember Onley recused herself from this discussion as she is an Americana Center condominium owner and lives at the Americana Centre. After recusing herself, Councilmember Onley departed Chambers. Councilmember Onley returned to the meeting at the conclusion of this Agenda Item.

Principal Planner Cindy Kebba led the discussion with the Mayor and Council. Mayor Newton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Palakovich Carr and Councilmember Pierzchala support the designation.

15. Adoption of an Ordinance to Adopt the Rockville's Bikeway Master Plan as an Amendment to the Adopted Comprehensive Master Plan for Rockville

Chief of Traffic and Transportation Emad Elshafei led the discussion with the Mayor and Council.

Motion: to adopt the Rockville's Bikeway Master Plan

Moved by Councilmember Pierzchala and seconded by Councilmember Feinberg.

The motion carried 4 – 1, with Mayor Newton opposing. Mayor Newton expressed that she believes the Plan is not a visionary Plan, stating that she wanted the plan to be “bigger”, more far-reaching and take Rockville into the future, do more for neighborhoods and have more connectivity.

Councilmember Pierzchala expressed that he believes the Plan is a visionary Plan and a Plan that accomplishes a lot for a relatively modest cost; and he looks forward to the Plan studies.

16. Presentation and Discussion on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety at the Intersection of Maryland Avenue and South Washington Street

Please note: This Agenda Item was removed from this evening's Agenda and will be rescheduled for a future date to be determined.

17. Worksession - Fiscal Year 2018 Budget

Sr. Management and Budget Analyst Mary Sue Martin led the FY2018 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) budget discussion with the Mayor and Council. Discussion topics included: King Farm Farmstead and Horse Barn; playground structure replacement; funding for FY18 Bikeway Master Plan goals; City signage; wayfinding in Town Center; City branding and Blue Plains Treatment Plant.

Deputy Finance Director Stacey Webster provided a review of General Fund adjustments since February. Discussion topics included: Lunar New Year event; increase in refuse billing processing costs from Montgomery County and impact on Enterprise Funds; efficiency of billing through Montgomery County; increase in debt service transfer; options for a Parks Fund that could build up over time; Advanced Land Acquisition Revolving (ALAR) Fund; possibility of an additional park in Twinbrook; Ethics Training; LGBTQ Training; program measures; Mayor and Council cost allocation; Rockville Sister Cities Corp. (RSCC) Grant; Senior Assistance Fund; Women Who Care luncheon; status of retiree COLA; leave buy-back program; employee benefit review of options and strategy for fair and competitive benefits including retirement plans and vesting periods; and strategy for revenue possibilities including water meter charges and revenues and ways to encourage water preservation.

18. Review and Comment – Mayor and Council Action Report

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Action Report.

19. Review and Comment – Future Agendas

The Mayor and Council reviewed future agendas.

20. Old/New Business

No action.

21. Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn at 11:42 p.m.

Moved by Councilmember Palakovich Carr, seconded by Councilmember Pierzchala and approved unanimously.